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c.1840-1900

1138-1108 S. Charles St. (West side)

Baltimore, Md.

Private access

The west side of the 1100 block of S. Charles St. was originally improved with groups of two story plus attic and small three story, two bay wide, gable-roofed houses that served as combination residential/commercial structures. Only a few of these survive in their original exterior form (1134 and 1124 S. Charles St., which are two story plus attic houses, and 1114 and 1116 S. Charles St., which are three story, gable-roofed houses), the remainder having been enlarged and remodeled after the Civil War to a full three stories in height with shed roofs and bracketed cornices. All currently still serve a combined residential/commercial function. 1118-1120 S. Charles St. is a large three story, four bay wide brick building with shed roof and stepped roofline. The facade has been faced with cut stone and there is both brownstone and stamped sheet metal, Classical Revival style trim. This structure was built around the turn of the century to serve as a department store, as it still does today.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

1138 S. Charles St.  
CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Baltimore VICINITY OF

STATE COUNTY

Maryland

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

VICINITY OF

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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### CONDITION

—EXCELLENT

X GOOD

—FAIR

—DETERIORATED

—RUINS

—UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

—UNALTERED

X ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

X ORIGINAL SITE

—MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This three story plus attic, two bay brick building with gable roof represents an enlargement of the original gable roofed house that was built on this site in the 1840's and formed part of a row of such houses extending along this side of Charles St. The house has been covered with formstone and the first floor area has been converted into a store-front.

The house is three and a half stories in height, about 17 1/2' wide, and occupies a lot 63 1/2' deep. There is a three story high, two bay deep full width rear addition, followed by a three story high, two bay deep narrower rear addition. The house is constructed in running bond but the facade has been covered with formstone. There is a double rectangular chimney located along both the front and rear roof gables on the north side of the house. There is also a rear end chimney located at the north-west end of the rear addition. The low-pitched gable roof has a two-tier brick cornice.

Although the original treatment of the door and window lintels and sills has been hidden by the formstone covering, it is apparent that the second and third floor window openings had flat lintels and that the attic story windows probably had no lintels. The window openings currently have stone sills, but these are probably contemporary with the formstone covering. All of the window openings are filled with 1/1 double hung sash. The first floor area has been converted into a store-front of modern design, the area currently serving as a sub-shop. The store-front area, which occupies both the Charles St. and West St. facades, has been re-faced with new brick. The modern glass and metal door is located diagonally to the two facades, recessed slightly beneath the south-east corner of the building. The two new brick facades which flank the doorway have a long, narrow rectangular window each. A shingled shed roof projects out over the store-front on both the Charles and West St. facades. The entrance is reached by a single wide stone stoop.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1837-1845

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Diedrich and John A. Allers

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is significant as being representative of a large group of three story, or two story plus attic, gable-roofed houses built in the 1840's and 1850's in the area immediately surrounding the Cross St. Market to serve as combination residential/commercial structures. The first floor area served as a store-front and the family lived on the floors above. Many of these houses have separate street entrances for the private family quarters.

This house, along with the neighboring houses from 1132-1136 S. Charles St., was built by Diedrich Allers, with the help of his brother John A. Allers, a local brickmaker. John and Diedrich Allers operated a grocery and feed store at this location from about 1845 to the 1880's (when it was run by a second generation of the family). The Allers' seem only to have lived above the store for a short time--by the mid-1850's their residence is listed as on Greene or Eutaw St.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Baltimore City Directory, 1845, 1853-54, 1855-56, 1860-1884

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 17'4" x 63'6"

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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DATE

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CITY OR TOWN

STATE

RuxtonMaryland 21204

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ST. 66'

S. HANOVER

W. CROSS

W. WEST

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ST. 50'

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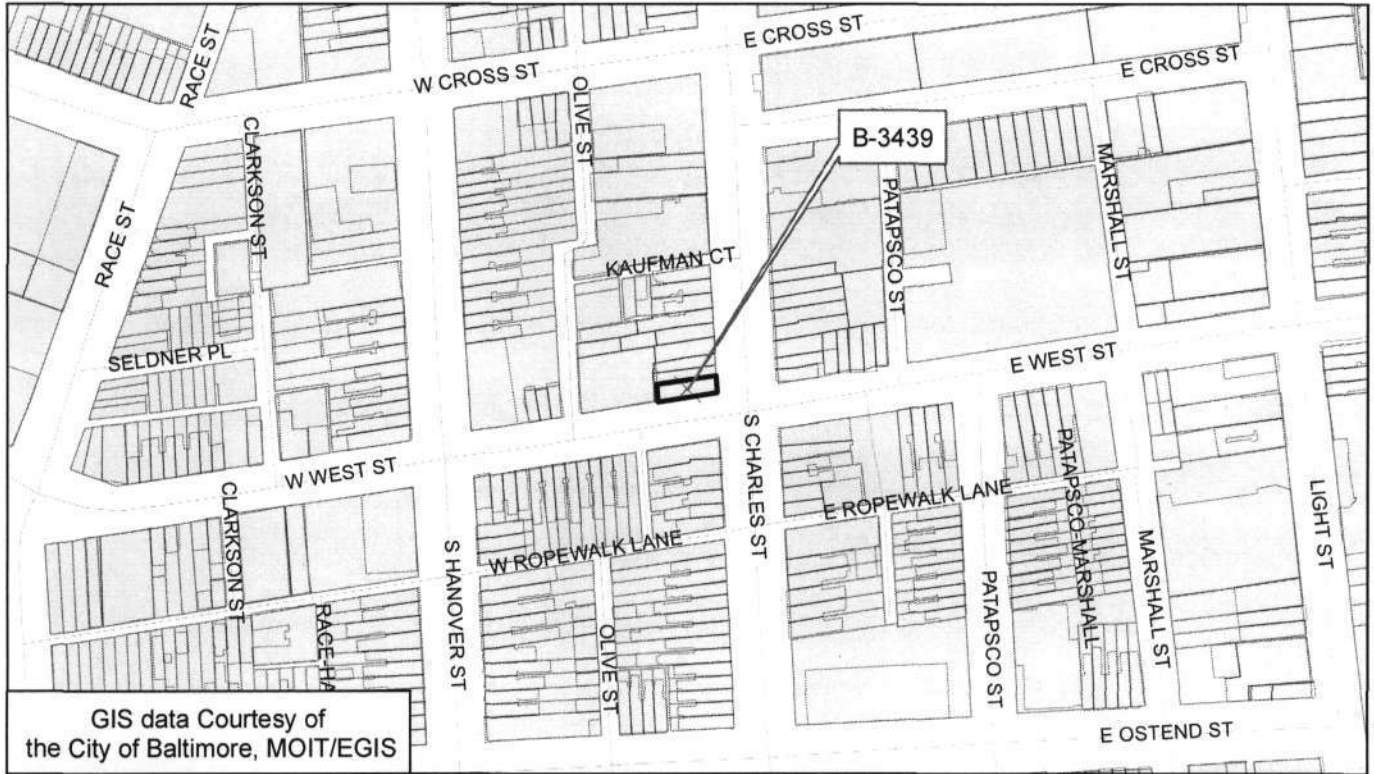
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S. CHARLES





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Block 0949 Lot 001  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad.







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South and east elevations